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MSC loses agriculture program

The assessment of "C" listed programs has been completed and the major change to MSC is the elimination of the agriculture program. It appears that there just weren't enough students interested to continue the program.

Other programs under scrutiny were Computer Science and Electronics Technology.

The ET program will not undergo any significant changes. The only change was well underway before the assessment began. One of the full time ET professors has retired, which opened a full time position.

The decision was made to recruit adjuncts to fill the position instead of a full time instructor. This way the students get new up to date knowledge in the Electronics Technology field. The Computer Science Program will not be changed.

MSC to lose School Director: Glenn Massay plans retirement

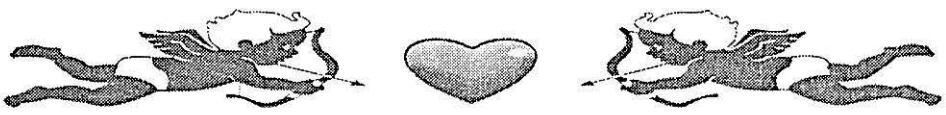
by Kathleen Murphy

Glenn Massay's first teaching job was in 1958 as a seventh grade English teacher. Since then he has been either teaching or serving as an administrator. When Glenn came to MSC in 1980, the enrollment was 312 students. With hard work and perseverance he more than quadrupled that number in five years. Currently there are 1,438 students enrolled at Mat-Su.

In case anyone has wondered, as I know I have, why Glenn is not referred to as "The Dean?" He is in fact, both the school's Dean, as well as school President, all rolled up into one. His title is School Director.

Glenn has always been for the students. He has been on a committee to stop tuition raises, but to no avail, as we all know. When he is not seen in halls on campus, he can usually be found in his office. Glenn's office door is always open to students. The few times I went to see him, I found him to be patient with my concerns and questions. He made me feel welcome and as if my thoughts and inquiries were important ones. In a nutshell, Glenn Massay is a pretty "cool" guy. MSC has been lucky to have him and we will miss him after he leaves us. But after 37 years in the teaching business, 21 of which have been with UAA, he definitely deserves some time to relax, enjoy life, and spend some quality time with his family.

Glenn plans on retiring sometime this summer. A specific date has not been determined as of yet.



Tuition voted up, consolidation cap voted down

At a December 2 meeting, The Board of Regents voted to increase tuition next fall. Recent plans call for a tuition increase of 32% over the next three fiscal years. The current tuition fee is $67 per credit hour, an increase of $3 from 1993, and $29 from 1989.

Aside from the tuition increase, the consolidation cap will be eliminated in the fall of '96. The consolidation cap puts a limit on the tuition fee after a certain amount of credit hours. The current cap is at 13. A student pays tuition for up to 13 credit hours; any hours thereafter the student can take for free. This will no longer be so as of fall '96.

Students can make a difference; they can voice their opinions on the subject of the consolidation cap. The Coalition of Student Leaders of the University of Alaska will meet with the Board of Regents in Juneau February 16-19. MSC will have two student government members attending this meeting. Writing letters to the president and to the Board of Regents is a way to voice your feelings on this matter. Give letters to the Student Government Secretary, or leave them in the Student Government mailbox.

OPINION

COLONY MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS TO ATTEND CLASSES IN SNODGRASS HALL

by Kathleen Murphy

By now most of us know the story of how the legislature allocated funds for MSC to build a new building, but not enough funds to open it. The story is a common one--one that happens over and over in every state, in almost every city in the U.S. In Michigan a library was built but not enough was allocated to buy books to fill it. When Colony Schools were first built they sat empty for over a year. In Fairbanks the same thing is happening with their natural science building; it stands empty.

Currently there has been talk about leasing space in Snodgrass Hall to Colony Middle School. The money collected from leasing the space would go to pay for heating the new building so it can be used. Recently I was approached with the question, if MSC has enough empty space to lease to Colony, why do we need the new building at all? I have found that the middle school students will not be utilizing Snodgrass until next fall, which is also when the new building will be opening (we hope).

As MSC's School Director Glenn Massay says, "It's a cooperative space arrangement." Our band meets at Wasilla School, where drafting classes also take place. MSC's chorus meets at Colony. It is also a five year arrangement made in hope that after the five years are over, Colony will have solved their overcrowding problem and MSC will have Snodgrass Hall back and by then be utilizing all of the available space. As it sits now when the new building opens we will have a little extra space during the day. What better way to utilize all the available space than help out budding youngsters who may be future students of MSC?

I want to clarify that the campus expects to receive legislative funding to open the new section next fall. Any extra money we appropriate there and above is great, but I wonder, if the legislature allocates funding to run the building, maybe we can use the money collected from leasing Snodgrass for other purposes.

The Monitor encourages your thoughts and opinions on this matter. The fact is, no one has bothered to ask the students how they feel about Colony students invading their turf. We want to hear from YOU.

Letters to the Editor

To: Mat-Su Monitor,
Response to rebuttal
Re: Agriculture Program Assessment

In reading the rebuttal to my concern over the agriculture program in December's issue I saw that I have been unclear in the major point of my concern--the "future" of agriculture in Alaska being "self-sufficient" for our needs. In addressing this subject I stressed our history of agriculture and attacked certain obstacles I saw as threatening its continued existence in the Mat-Su Valley. I neglected making the "future" of Alaska my main thesis, thinking that this was inferred. This was my error and I understand how some of my readers may not have followed my logic as I intended. Please allow me to readdress this very important subject and try to right this misunderstanding...

When I think of "future" and "agriculture" I do not see the farmers of tomorrow gently tilling Alaska's soil fifty years from now. On the contrary, I invision vast, sleek greenhouse looking affairs that exist not fifty years from now, but a hundred and fifty. These solar powered food plants will be "adapted" to Alaska's cool weather climate and dependent upon our long daylight hours in the summer. Inside of these futuristic contraptions I do not expect to see neatly tilled beds of veggies. Rather, I see strange looking plants I've never seen before, genetically advanced to feed an overpopulated world. Furthermore, these plants do

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ARTS PAGE

MUSIC NOTES

FLUTE CONCERT

Barbara Eberhart, flautist and Executive Director of the Anchorage Festival of Music, and **Juliana Osinchuk,** pianist, will give a joint recital at the Wasilla Presbyterian Church at 5:00 pm on March 5. Tickets are $2.00 for MSC students and their spouses and $5.00 for non-students.

The concert is sponsored by the MSC student government, the MSC Music Club and MSC collegiate chapter 1329 of the Music Educator's National Conference.

MENC MEMBERS TRAVEL SOUTH

MSC music students **Stefan Tarr** and **Scott Dickerson,** members of MSC chapter 1329 of MENC, will attend the Northwest Division conference of the MENC in Spokane from February 16 through February 19. The conference will feature 37 live performances as well as numerous workshops.

THE EASY WAY TO FIND HANSEL AND GRETEL

The MSC chapter of MENC will have a booth by the pop machines in the main hall of JKB from February 13 through February 25. They will dispense two kinds of tickets for MSC students to the upcoming performances of the Humperdinck opera Hansel and Gretel. *continued page 9*

CITY

A withered wisp of light flies by
The light fades
A downing sky

Empires of steel cut aross the land
Driven to the beat
Of a human hand

A few eyes, tho' dark still shine
Amidst the ever
Narrowing line

With a fearfull rush a sight is seen
To fall upon ears
Dull yet keen

Hands vainly reaching for the moon
Jump, to fall
Alas too soon

Concrete spires rising through the air
To hold within
The darkling despair

A fallen heart within a mind
Ever searching
Yet afraid to find

by Jester, MSC student

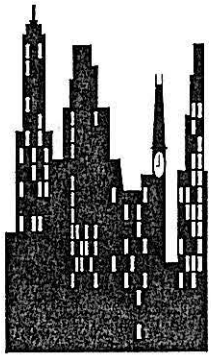
MSC STUDENTS IN SHOW

Janet Stuart, Mark Buzby, Dan Pollock, Cheryl Lacy, Joyce Reynolds, Kim Donofrio and Deryl Stonestreet all represent Mat-Su College in the UAA Two-Dimensional Student Invitational now showing at the UAA Campus Center Gallery.

The show runs from February 9 through February 23 and is free to the public. Gallery hours are: M W F 10a-5pm and T Th 12-7pm.

APPLY NOW FOR NEW SHOWS

Art students from MSC should apply immediately to professors or the UAA art department for information regarding the upcoming Three-D Student Invitational and the 1995 UAA Juried Student Art Show.



THE BULL

The great black bull
In the river meadow
Thrashes the turf
For his loneliness

Mustard pollen
Coats his wet shoulders
Like sulphur dust
by C. E. Long, MSC student

<The Cube>

a presentation of the MSC Math Club
by Kelly Pollock

NUMBER PUZZLE:

There is a five digit number, that when multiplied by 4 gives the same five digits in reverse order as the answer.

ABCDE
x 4

EDCBA

Can you find the number?

Answer:

21978
x4

87912

MATH CLUB NEWS:

The Mat Su Mathematics Department and the Math Club are sponsoring a **calculator workshop.** The workshop will be conducted by Professor Linda Lee, UAA, Developmental Education Department, for the TI-81 and TI-82 graphing calculators. The workshop will be held Thursday, February 23, 1995, 1:00pm-3:00pm at the Mat-Su College in room 212 OLB. The workshop is free, but space is limited. Call 745-9727 to register.

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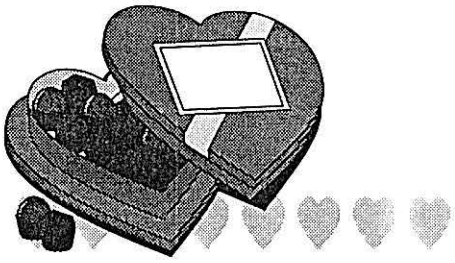
Happy Valentine's Day from the staff of the Mat-Su Monitor!!!



LEGENDS OF THE BALL

by Amy Menerey

This year's MSC Student Government Christmas Ball was a success. Amid controversy over the apparent "failure" of the previous year, our student government persevered, smiling all the way. The result was a charming ballroom trimmed in gold with the illusion of a warm winter night in the park, the stars twinkling above. The tree was immense, the food was great, and the D.J. accommodated the diverse crowd by playing everything from country western to hip-hop to rock-n-roll. Unfortunately, many left before the music started and missed the two-steppin', jitterbuggin', sliding, twisting and grooving that followed.

I offer my personal congratulations to our student government, and especially to Michelle who worked very hard to coordinate this event, for a job well done.

A special thanks to Michelle McGehee, who, through a lot of hard work, made the Christmas Ball possible.

Cinderella? at The Ball?

by Jeani May

December 17th. Banners had been hung, announcements had been made, the MSC student government had proclaimed "tonight there will be a Ball, all from the campus shall attend."

I had purchased my ticket; it was deep in my pocket (even I could afford one at a mere $3.00). But would I make it on time? I had toilets to scrub and beds to make. I dreamed of roast turkey and ham while I chewed on my cold french fries. I finished my work and quickly ran home, to no avail.

My evil(?) stepsister needed my assistance for she, too, was preparing for the Ball. I curled and primped as children scampered about, and, soon she was on her way. Was there still time?! Could I make it?!

With no help from a fairy godmother, I washed the dirt from my face and squeezed into my dress; out the door I ran. With my chin held high and my girdle snug about my hips, I had arrived. I savored the feast, cold though it was, for I was there, at the Ball, my prince by my side. We laughed, we danced, we drank; and, as the clock struck twelve, I turned..., turned into the parking lot of Klondike Mike's, and became... Myself.

FALLON HONORED

Elizabeth J. Fallon, Professor of English at Mat-Su College, was honored by the MSC administration on February 9th for her Outstanding Faculty Award. The afternoon meeting in the Atrium was well attended by faculty, students and staff.

The handsome plaque Fallon received attests to her 25 years of dedicated service at the University of Alaska and praises her contributions towards maintaining a congenial atmosphere at the college.

A permanent portrait of Fallon will hang in the JKB hallway.

The Mat-Su Montitor is looking for an able person to fill the position of editor. The job will be starting in the Fall '95 semester. Interested parties should submit a resume to Michelle McGehee at the Student Government Office.

The Machetanz Building

There has been a lot of talk buzzing around about the new building at MSC. When will it open? Will it open? At what cost? Will Colony students be attending classes at MSC when it opens? Is there really a leak in the roof? One thing that hasn't been mentioned is, what will it be called? MSC's new addition will be named the Machetanz Building.

For those of you who don't know, Fred Machetanz is an internationally known artist. He lives here in the valley, not too far from MSC in fact, with his wife Sara. In 1985, Fred and Sara wanted to donate 230 acres of their land to Mat-Su College. One thing stood in their way; the borough owned a large section of land between their land and the campus.

The Machetanz asked the borough to donate just enough land to build a walkway from their land to MSC property. The borough ended up donating 440 acres to the college. With the Machetanz' 230 acres, the borough's 440 acres, and the 280 acres that Mat-Su already had--MSC now has a total of 950 acres in their possession, a nice piece of property to expand the campus on. MSC wants to thank Fred and Sara Machetanz for their altruism.

By the way, a Machetanz painting titled "Treasures of the Valley" hangs in the library, and was donated by Fred Machetanz.

Agriculture's future in Alaska

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not dig down delicate, inherited roots into our rich Alaskan soil. No, these plants evolved to meet a growing hunger, are grown in Petri dishes and take only a fourth of the time to mature as their ancestors.

Where does this "Star Treck-like" future begin? I firmly believe that it starts right here and now. I see special possibilities for this technology taking place in Alaska because of our long daylight hours and clean environment. I do not believe, as others seem to, that this is the responsibility of California, India, and China. I see bright possibilities for Alaska to begin its future as an agricultural state, for our oil will not hold out indefinitely.

No, we will not starve if one small, insignificant agriculture program is quietly cancelled in a smaller, even more insignificant college.

Stop, we may be small, but do we call ourselves insignificant? No, we will not starve but our children may, and I believe no one wishes this to occur.

As we progress into the Twenty-first century we must advance with the world. This advancement includes the advancement of agriculture: even the people on Star Trek need to eat.

I am not only concerned about Alaska's future, but the world's future. I feel we have not only the obligation to be "able" to feed ourselves, but also to help feed others. UAF's agriculture program is great, and maybe a few of us will find our way up there, but Mat-Su is right here.

Let us not be satisfied with shifting the responsibility of agriculture's future to another place and another time.

Dancing Feather
MSC student

Child care at MSC

A survey was conducted on the Mat-Su Campus in an attempt to determine how many students would utilize child care facilities. Eighty-one students were polled. Results, as well as some comments appear below:

"WHAT IF..." CHILD CARE SURVEY FOR CHILDREN AGE 3 and Up RESULTS:

FALL 1994

DAY	8:00am until 12:00pm	12:00pm until 5:00pm	5:00pm until 7:00pm	7:00pm until 10:pm
Mon	23	33	26	22
Tues	16	29	30	17
Wed	19	29	28	22
Thurs	19	26	29	19
Fri	9	20	8	7
Sat	15	12	5	4

SPRING 1995

DAY	8:00am until 12:00pm	12:00pm until 5:00pm	5:00pm until 7:00pm	7:00pm until 10:pm
Mon	30	41	23	19
Tues	18	34	35	25
Wed	22	25	22	18
Thurs	17	28	32	27
Fri	14	18	12	4
Sat	14	9	4	6

81 respondants; 8 without children, expressing support.

NOTES:

1. These class times were selected because I didn't have day care! If daycare was available at the school, I would have selected daytime classes. Will register for 1 Spring class. Don't know the hours yet.
2. This is not right. You should be collecting data on all ages to determine need, even if you are servicing a small part.
3. (Refering to the AGE 3 and Up) Is this prejudice agiants younger children?
4. Also on Mondays when there are inservice days from 5-12 at least!
5. Open study for a number of my classes. Attn: Please consider that many of us may be on Day Care Assistance; will we be able to use your day care?
6. Will be more after I find out what study hours are.
7. (FALL 1994) None - They're not in this school area they only have after school care this semester. (SPRING 1995) If it was available I may have been able to take some later night classes that were inconvenient with my present daycare.
8. Possible if transportation from Palmer School District is provided. (has a 9 and 5 year old 12-5 time frame Mon-Fri 1994 and 12-5 Mon & Tue and 7-10 Thur 1995)
9. Needed only when school (Elem) is closed for teachers inservice or something like that. (did not indicate any time slots needed).
10. I haven't figured out my spring schedule, but I would definately put the facility to use for at least 12 credit hours.
11. Hope to be going full time Fall of 95.
12. (Student has 12 and 9 year old that are handicapped as she noted)
13. Good idea! (student has a 1 year old but did not indicate any time frame needed).

My Mountains

by Dancing Feather,

When I think of the Mat-Su Valley, which has been my home for over fourteen years, I see mountains. Mountains everywhere, all around me, imposing their majesty, implying their ancient maturity, and impelling respect. They implacably intimate they were here before me and will be here after me. Growing up under the presence of these ancient entities has impressed their very image on my soul.

As a child, watching a thousand suns rising and falling in perfect sovereignty behind a frozen ridge of rose, peach, and purple tinted peaks, I imagined mysterious, golden lands hiding behind them--lands from science fiction, fantasy tales where dinosaurs and mastadons lived in an ancient jungle that existed in the perpetual sunlight of my mind.

Power is what these mountains mean to me--power untempered, untiring, unthinkable, untold. I feel that if I reach out and touch the faces of these mountains, I will draw some of their supreme potency into myself and become one with them. My mountains, as I love to call them, are more than special to me, they are my flag, the emblem to which I respond. They symbolize safety to me, and my eyes are always drawn to them. How did these mountains come to be?

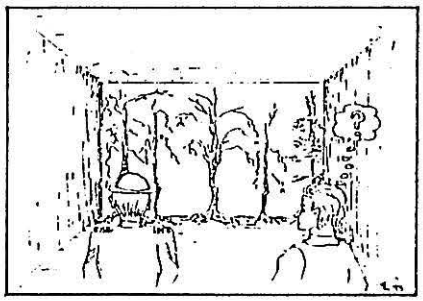
Resting giants, asleep beneath a blanket of white, they seem close enough for me to stick out my tongue and lick snow from their sparkling slopes. As my legs grew, and my daring with them, I began to go farther up into the mountains. First on small excursions, staying within sight of familiarity, then farther, as my boldness grew. As the bear who went over the mountain found, I too, discovered there was only the other side of the mountain.

Behind my mountain were more mountains. As far as the eye could see, glistening glaciers nestled snugly between their peaks, sparkling in the sun. I conveniently forgot, looking out over this sleeping mystery, that Columbus discovered the world was round. I imagine going forever, exploring my mountains, until I come to the big drop off, and maybe there is where I'll find my golden land.

At the top of the world, in perfect bliss, I sat on Pioneer Peak, over a mile above sea level, and felt content to spend the next century on that lofty position. What mysteries lay around me. I did not feel like an outsider, an intruder, or a white person who had no right to be here. I pulled off my gloves and laid my bare hands on the snow dusted rocks that I perched upon. Comparing my moment in time, which I call life, to this mountain's age, I had a better understanding of what infinity means.

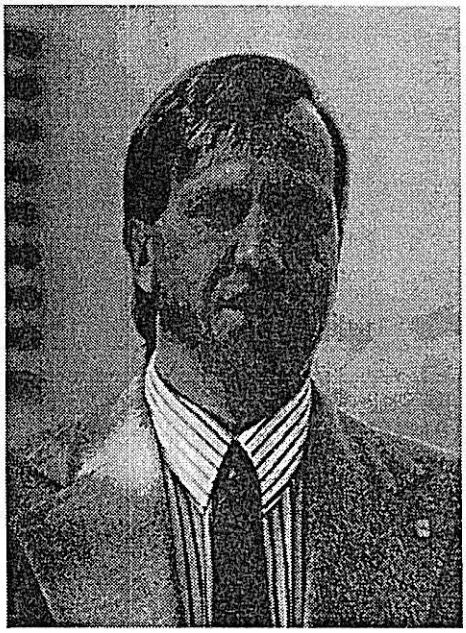
Having touched without marring, left without stirring, I knew I was as much akin to this giant's land as a people who had lived in its presence a thousand years, and as long as I didn't abuse the sleeping stone and as long as I could take a breath and inhale the clear pure air that has been chased from other sacred places, they belonged to me.

My heart beats in these mountains, my blood runs through their stone. This is where I will build my home and raise my children. It is here I will leave my bones. Often, in the crazy, exulting joy I feel, watching a lazy cloud dance being performed on the backdrop of glacier carved peaks, I feel their heart beat answering mine--so slow, so deep, recumbent. A precambrian, stirring consciousness, starting at my toes, spreads upwards to the tips of my outstretched fingers. I am born of these, my mountains, because I would not be me if I did not know them.



"Take your time, sir. We wouldn't want you to finger the wrong tree."

An Election for a new Student Government President will be held this semester.



Student Government President, Mark Ewing, announced that he will be leaving the position after this semester. Election for a new President will be held in March. The next Student Government meeting will be held on Friday, February 24, at 5:00 pm.

Where's the mystery tree?

Sometime during the mini conference one of Mat-Su's pick up trucks was dented under mysterious circumstances. And, of course, it was the new truck--the one the campus bought just last September--the one with the new plow on it--the one that is worth in excess of $30,000.

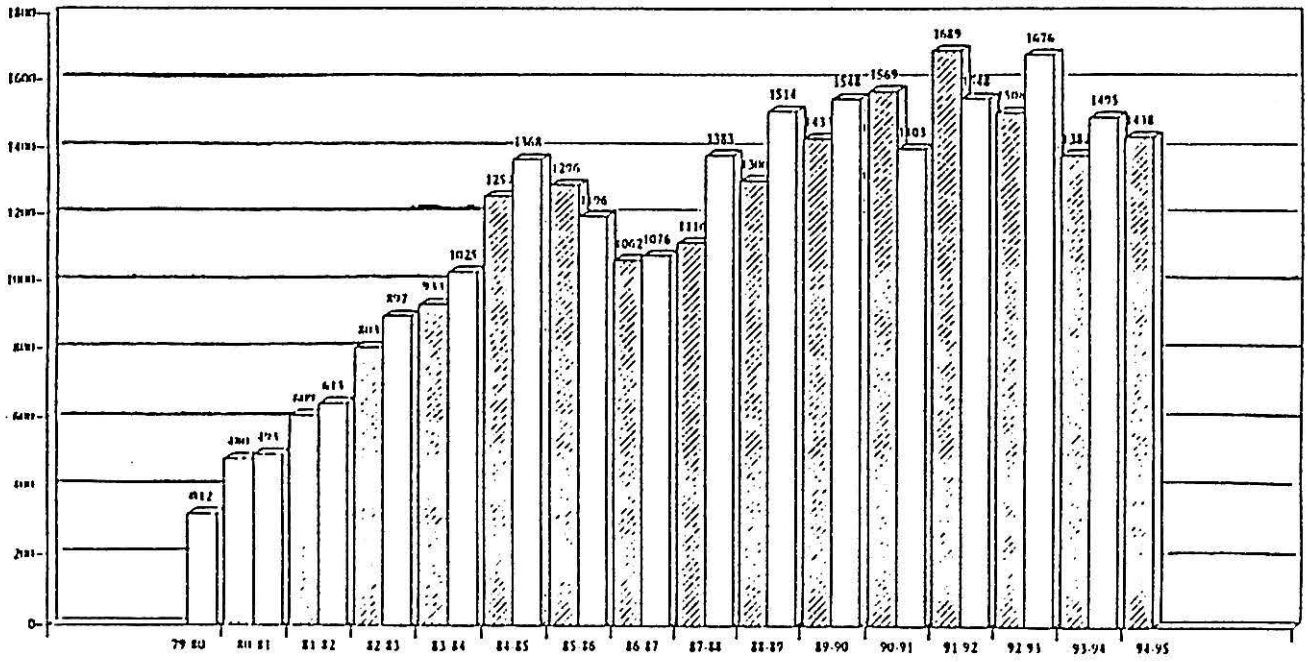
It seems there was a bit of birch in the dent but there were no damaged trees found on campus. The police said the case is very suspicious.

Apparently, the tree fled the scene. Anyone with any information on the whereabouts of the suspected birch tree, please contact the Physical Plant Office at MSC.

Category / Increment Title	GF	Other Funds: Student Fees	Other Funds: NGF	Total Funds
Operating Budget Increments				
Maintaining Existing Programs				
Mat-Su Classroom Building Operating Costs	244.0	0.0	0.0	244.0
Developmental Learning Lab	41.6	0.0	4.0	45.6
Total Matanuska Susitna College	285.6	0.0	4.0	289.6

Category / Campus / Project Title	GF	Other Funds		Total Funds
			NGF	
Capital Budget Request				
E. Building Completions/Repair and Renovation				
32B Mat-Su College — Mat-Su Campus Renovation	600.0			600.0
10 Mat-Su College — Complete Mat-Su Interiors	1,350.0			1,350.0
Total Matanuska Susitna College	1,950.0	0.0	0.0	1,950.0

Requested budget for Matanuska-Susitna College, 1996: As shown above, MSC is asking for $244,000 to aid in opening the Machetanz Building in the Fall.

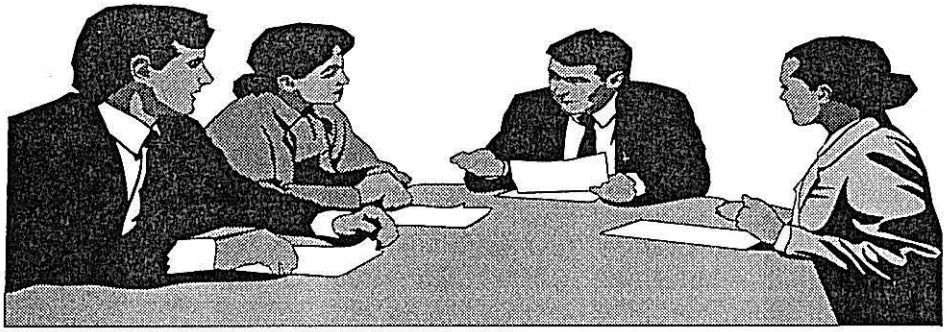


A historical view of enrollment figures at MSC.

MSC offers a "family feeling"

by Amy Menerey

I have talked to several people, students and teachers, about my December article in regards to the changes in the student body here at MSC. As stated before, the 19 and under population went up from 11 to 14 percent, and the 20 to 29 year olds increased from 22 to 26 percent. I found that for most, this presents no significant change in life here at MSC. The biggest difference noted for most was the high visibility of the younger crowd. It seems that much of the increase is due to the new Job Corps Center, and, since many of those students are dropped off and on campus until night when they are picked up, they are present all day, classes or not. Perhaps this gives us even more reason why there should be activity areas at MSC to be used between classes. In class, the younger people bring in fresh ideas; however, some instructors have found that the older returning students have more drive and direction. On a personal level, when I came back to school two years ago, I was greatly influenced by the fact that, at that time, the average age of a student at MSC was 35. I felt like I could fit right in to the crowd without being conspicuous. I have talked with others who felt the same way about MSC. With our great diversity on our campus, we have a "family feeling" here that I really enjoy.



Nominations for the positions of the University of Alaska Board of Regents-Student Regent and the Student Commissioner for the Alaska Commision on Postsecondary Education are here!

You have probably seen flyers circulating around campus with the above words printed on them in big bold letters. What all this means is, for anyone interested in sitting on the Board of Regents, this is your chance. You will be representing the students.

Interested candidates should pick up a petition from the Student Government Office ASAP. The petition will contain requirements for the postion for which you choose to run. The candidate is responsible for receiving at least three signatures from students who endorse them for the position. The petitions, with the signatures on them, must be turned in by February 17, 1995. The election will be held on February 22.

Requirements of candidates include: You must be enrolled in school full-time throughout the term (June 1, 1995 to May 31, 1997). You must be currently enrolled at MSC. You must be an Alaska resident, a U.S. citizen, and you must carry at least a 2.5 GPA.

Elections for both Student Regent and Student Commissioner will be held at most campuses throughout the UAA system. After each campus elects their candidates, Governor Tony Knowles will appoint the most qualified to the Board.

So, get to it! The students need a good representative. It could be you! Happy campaigning and see you at the polls!

Please Vote! Voter turnout decides top 2 nominees from all campuses!!!

HANSEL

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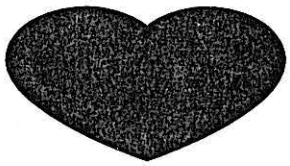
The first choice is a free voucher for the dress rehearsal on March 1 at 7:00 pm. The second is a ticket for $10.00 for a regular performance on March 7 at 7:00 pm.

MENC members urge students who acquire these tickets to use them or the opportunity for future bargains may be forfeited.

NOONSINGERS SET SPRING CONCERT

The annual spring concert of the **Mat-Su College Noonsingers** group will be on April 22 at 7:30 pm at the Wasilla Presbyterian Church. The free concert will showcase **Faure's "Requiem"** as well as hits from the 40's.

Membership of the Noonsingers is at an all time high, but there are still seats open and students are urged to apply.



TRAPPED

. . .in MSC Room 124!!!

Students in Mrs. Fallon's English class had quite a harrowing experience January 18th when the lock mechanism on the door broke. Approximately 25 students, and Mrs. Fallon, were trapped in the room for almost 25 minutes. Some of the students pounded on the door.

However, since it was a late night class there was no one down at that end of the hallway. They were finally noticed by security, who, in turn summoned maintenance to rescue the now exasperated students. Apparently, they had to pull the hinges and remove the entire door. One student later replied "Mrs. Fallon sure knows how to throw a party".

COLLECTING OUR THOUGHTS

by Wynona Ralph

Francis Bacon believed that humans expect more order to existence than there really is. He believed that people are quick to adopt truths that strike the mind suddenly. He also had a strong belief that the common meaning of words numbs the understanding and that people are quick to bring any new truths into order with old philosophies or doctrines of thought.

College is a time for order. There is a beginning, a middle and for many, an end. Many times the meaning of words not only numbs the understanding, but the body as well.

Many people here are in college for the first time. Some arrive directly out of high school, while to others, high school is as faded a memory as an old Studebaker in a junkyard. But one thing that we all share is that to every class we bring our own philosophies and doctrines.

Philosophies and doctrines are special things. We accumulate them over time like junk in that old drawer in every kitchen. Most of the time we don't even know what's in the drawer and any new thoughts are soon lost among the old philosophies and doctrines.

I agree with Mr. Bacon. I believe that many people adopt truths much too quickly. True wisdom comes like a new-born child that should be wrapped in new clothing and pampered into maturity.

Students must be open minded enough to accept new philosophies and doctrines and to look at each new idea with fresh awareness. They should remember there is a *world* of knowledge, and finishing that, there's a universe yet to explore!

PORTIONING LOVE

by Dancing Feather

The heart is like a small indentation in a bowl of sand that is saturated with water. The water that seeps into this dent is the love that fills an individual's heart. When this water is extracted, the heart feels empty and shaken--it aches with longing for what's been taken and is frightened the love will be misused.

Hearts need to stop and relax--and realize the abundance of water around them. As soon as the heart releases its small holding of love, more water springs up and fills it to the brimming like an artesian well.

A heart can never run out of love. It is supplied from creation with enough love to last an eternity and the capacity to use it. We teach children love, but really love is as much an instinct as breathing. Hearts that withhold love become a dry craven island in a sea of denied emotion--the walls of their wells become harder than brick and the water dammed up all around them lies stagnant.

Hearts were not made to exist without love, and when love is forcefully withheld, the heart tends to shrivel up and quietly die.

Protect your heart from the notion that love comes in measures and portions--open it wide and never restrict its natural flow.

NOTICES

Happy Birthday to **Eric Jenkins**, who turned 23 on Feb 12. Love Forever, **Michelle**

Volunteers Needed for mediation training to work with runaway youths and their families on prevention and intervention levels. Next training is scheduled for March 18 and 19. Please call the **Dorothy Saxton Shelter** at 746-7567 for additional information.

Ron Roberson is looking for ideas to utilize the space in JKB once the new building opens for use. Anyone with ideas, questions or comments on this subject can drop off a proposal at the registration desk.

How many students want an Espresso Bar on campus? Let Michelle or student government members know. Sign the petitions!!!

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There was a young princess in a solar,
Whose mother just could not console
her.
The lack of Prince Charming
Was truly alarming.
No father for the thing in the stroller.

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